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Briefings Scheduled for Public Assistance Applicants

Joint Information Center, Grand Island, NE:

Briefings have been scheduled for those entities applying for assistance under the federal disaster declaration resulting from the recent winter storms across central Nebraska. These meetings are for public entities, not for individual relief.

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) will conduct the briefings. They will explain requirements for assistance and the process for making application, and will supply necessary forms and instructions.

Assistance will be available for state government agencies, local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations. Many of these organizations have been contacted to advise them of the meetings. If an agency is unsure whether they qualify for assistance, they should contact their county emergency manager for guidance.

Times and locations for the Public Assistance Applicant's Briefings are:

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 1:30 PM

Howard Johnson Riverside Inn Hwy 34 & South Locust Street 3333 Ramada Road Grand Island, NE 68801 (308) 384-5150

Wednesday, January 17, 2007 2:30 PM

Country Kitchen Restaurant Hwy 6 & 34 606 West B Street McCook, NE 69001 (308) 345-1560 Thursday, January 18, 2007 1:30 PM

Lifelong Learning Center @ Northeast Community College 601 East Benjamin Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 844-7246

For questions regarding the Public Assistance program, please contact Seth Hyberger, Public Assistance Officer, via e-mail at the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency – seth.hyberger@nema.ne.gov.